



ÉCOLE SEAFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Many thanks to the parents who came to the October PAC meeting to offer their insight and opinions, and a reminder to those who can't make the meetings that you can always contact the PAC Chairperson, Rhylin Bailie, by emailing chair@seaforthpac.net or calling 604-219-2824. PAC meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm, and babysitting is provided. We also plan to bring in speakers for some PAC meetings. If there are any topics you'd like to hear about, let us know! We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Wednesday, November 16.

Coordinator spots to be filled

We **urgently need someone to coordinate the Traffic Safety Program**. Unless we find a Traffic Safety coordinator we will not have a crew of parent and student patrollers to keep a watchful eye on our children. If you are able to take on this very important role to keep our children safe, please email chair@seaforthpac.net. We are looking for someone to coordinate the **Sports Day concession** in May and we need a coordinator for the **Emergency Preparedness Committee** (keep our emergency container stocked and assist with the annual earthquake drill). There is lots of documentation in place to help you get organized, and you will receive support from the PAC and last year's coordinators as well. So don't be shy about coming forward – we'll make sure you get what you need to be successful! But without coordinators these initiatives will not happen this year.

We also have quite a large surplus in our bank account and last year we agreed that the money should go to technical upgrades or to start a playground fund. But we need two small committees to evaluate our technical and playground needs and then report back to the PAC so we can make a decision based on facts and a long-term plan. To date, however, nobody has stepped forward for the **Playground Committee** (evaluate what we have, what we want and the cost to purchase things) or the **Technical Committee** (liaise with the school principal and district technical coordinator to evaluate what we have, what needs to be replaced and what additions we need to support our students). These are important roles this year, so let us know if you're interested by emailing chair@seaforthpac.net.

Thank You

Many thanks to the classroom coordinators who are helping to hand out and pick up paperwork from the classrooms, and to Adrienne Dall'Antonia and Ann Einstein for Popcorn Fridays. Special thanks to MaryAnn Giardini for organizing Family Photo Night, which raised a total of \$880 for the school. Thank you as well to all of the families who participated this year! We will email you when your orders have arrived. Special thanks to Mr. Laphorne and his class for clearing all of the tables and chairs in the library each night, and to Suzanne Belanger, Siva Ramesh and Clare Su for assisting the photographer. Finally, thank you Siva for helping out with scheduling the photo sessions and emailing the families.

Donations

We have received \$6,491 in donations to date, with participation from 168 of the nearly 500 students at the school. The average donation per student is \$13.11, which is well shy of our \$30 per student goal. These donations go directly to the classrooms to support your child(ren)'s education. The donation form is attached to this newsletter. All donations over \$10 will receive a tax receipt, and every little bit counts. Thank you for your support!

First Safe School Event!

On October 17, Jim Jordan entertained our students and introduced the concepts of respect, empowerment and empathy with two anti-bullying presentations, one for K-3 students and one for grade 4-7 students. He kept the students engaged with magic tricks and an interactive game-show-like atmosphere. His presentation focused not on the bullies and victims but on the bystanders that need to be encouraged to speak out. Many thanks to MaryAnn Giardini and Sandra Riccardi for coordinating the newly formed Safe School Committee. News about additional Safe School events will be coming soon.

Movie Night

We are having our first Movie Night on October 28 with a Hallowe'en theme. While you are more than welcome to just show up on the night, we only prepare burgers, hot dogs, etc. for people who have pre-ordered. RSVPs are unusually low for this event, but it's difficult to know if low attendance indicates a lack of interest or simply that Hallowe'en is a fairly busy time for families. We do want to have a number of community events this year to provide the opportunity for Seaforth families to get together and socialize while also raising funds to support the school and students. If you have other ideas for community events, we'd love to hear about them! Please email chair@seaforthpac.net or speak directly with a member of the PAC Exec.

Have a safe and Happy Hallowe'en!

Yours truly,
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